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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/797,427

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For: ROOT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, setting forth a Requirement for Election of Species in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to seven patentably distinct species, from which election is required:

Species I	Figures 2 and 9-14;
Species II	Figures 3-8;
Species III	Figure 18;
Species IV	Figure 19;
Species V	Figure 20;
Species VI	Figure 21;


Species VII      Figures 22-24.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Species II (Figures 3-8) on which claims 1-9, 19-25 are readable.

An action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: November 4, 2005      Respectfully submitted,

  
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